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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pullman Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Pete Dickinson, Planning Director
Jason Radtke, Assistant Planner JR

FOR: Meeting of September 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Business

DATE: September 7, 2016

The material below provides background information for the agenda items to be addressed by the HPC at its September 12 meeting.

1. Discuss Preparations for the Guided Walking Tour Planned for This Fall.

Continuing last month's discussion on this subject, staff has several updates, specifically regarding advertisement of the event. Staff contacted the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber agreed to put the notice about the tour in their events calendar, as well as their weekly enews in the two weeks leading up to the tour date. In addition, staff contacted the Moscow Pullman Daily News. Notice regarding the tour has been added to the DNews calendar, and a small blurb will be published prior to September 23. Through the paper's website, staff has also submitted a summary of the event to Inland360.com. Finally, staff will be creating an insert to be included in the Northwest Happenings Sunday supplement of the Lewiston Tribune.

Attached, you will find the draft stakeholder letter for review and comment. Staff invites your input regarding this correspondence.

At this time, Commissioners are asked to provide updates on their own efforts regarding the walking tour.

2. Discuss Responses to Letter for Owners of National Register Properties.

Attached is a memo, drafted by Planning Director Pete Dickinson, regarding responses received from owners of properties on the National Register of Historic Places to the HPC's invitation to list their properties on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Please refer to that memo for further information.

Attachments



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September 8, 2016

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RE: Historic Pullman Walking Tour

Dear Community Member:

You are invited to join Pullman's Historic Preservation Commission on a fascinating semi-guided tour of some of Pullman's most significant historic places on Friday, September 23, 2016. Commissioners will be positioned at these historical sites to tell you their captivating stories. Learn more about the history of such locations as the Flatiron building, the Veterans' War Memorial, our city's former train depots, and the Artesian Well.

The tour starts at the Old Post Office building, located at 245 SE Paradise Street, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the current home of Paradise Creek Brewery. From there, you will be directed to successive stations on the tour route. You may begin the tour anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. on September 23.

We hope you will be able to take part in this fun and informative tour. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Pete Dickinson
Planning Director



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TO: Pullman Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Pete Dickinson, Planning Director *PD*

FOR: Meeting of September 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Letter to Owners of National Register Properties

DATE: September 6, 2016

On July 20, 2016, the city mailed letters signed by HPC chair Ned Warnick to owners of local properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places to ask those parties to consider listing on the Pullman Register. The owners of the following National Register resources received a letter:

- WSU's Thompson Hall and Stevens Hall
- Gladish Community and Cultural Center
- United Presbyterian Church (Greystone Church)
- U.S. Post Office (Paradise Street)
- Cordova Theater
- William Swain House (W. Main Street)

To date, the city has received responses from representatives of WSU and the Gladish Community and Cultural Center. During the week of August 15, Dan Costello, WSU Assistant Vice President of Facilities Services Operations, contacted me by phone. Mr. Costello inquired about the benefits and drawbacks of recording the university buildings on the local register. I explained the advantages of the honorary designation and the need for design review by the city's HPC of proposed building changes. On August 26, the city received a letter (enclosed) from WSU Interim Vice President Olivia Yang declining the offer to place Thompson or Stevens Hall on the Pullman Register.

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In mid-August, I received a phone call from Donna Gwinn, Executive Director of the Gladish Community and Cultural Center. She also inquired about the implications of placing property on the Pullman Register. I reiterated the topics discussed with Mr. Costello, and added information about the potential property tax benefits. Ms. Gwinn expressed support for the notion of listing the Gladish property on the local register, and said she would present the proposal to the Board of Directors. As of the time of this writing, planning staff has not received any further response from a Gladish Building representative.



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City of Pullman Historic Preservation Commission
Attn: Ned Warnick
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Dear Ned,

I am in receipt of your letter addressed to President Kirk Schulz regarding the Pullman Register of Historic Places. President Schulz asked that I respond to you on this matter.

We are proud of the Stevens Hall and Thompson Hall's inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and thank you for providing information on the local Register. We appreciate all that the Pullman Register of Historic Places offers in the preservation of buildings in Pullman. However, we will not be registering Stevens Hall and Thompson on the Pullman Register at this time. Washington State University has a Historic Preservation Committee whose function is to identify, document, and develop strategies to preserve the quality of historic buildings and landscapes on the Washington State University Pullman campus.

We will continue in cooperating with the City of Pullman in the building permits for our buildings on the Pullman Campus when one is required. We value the historic preservation of our buildings and work to preserve those aspects where it is financially and structurally feasible. As our Strategic Plan states, "Improve curricular and student support infrastructure to enhance access, educational quality, and student success in a growing institution."

Thank you again for providing the information about the local Historic Register and for the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission in keeping Pullman's heritage preserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olivia'.

Olivia Yang
Interim Vice President